

**MERCER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2007**

PRESENT: John A. Cimino, Chairman
William S. Agress, Vice-Chair
Edward W. Fedorko, Jr.
Jack Flood
Thomas M. Ryan
Anthony Verrelli
Gregory Sandusky, County Engineer

ALSO PRESENT: Joseph Stonaker, Board Counsel
Donna M. Lewis, Planning Director
Leslie Floyd, Assistant Planning Director
Richard Smith, Planning Board Secretary
Lisa Fritzinger, Staff
Matthew Lawson, Staff
Dan Pace, Staff
Katrina Placer, Staff
Marisa Wieczorek, Staff

Mr. Cimino called the meeting of the Mercer County Planning Board to order at 9:05 a.m.

I. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, notice of this meeting was sent to the Trenton Times, the Trentonian, and was posted in the County Clerk's office and the County Administration Building.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Agress made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2007 Planning Board meeting and Mr. Fedorko seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with the following vote:

Y	John A. Cimino	Y	Thomas M. Ryan
Y	William S. Agress	Y	Anthony Verrelli
Y	Edward W. Fedorko, Jr.	Y	Gregory Sandusky
Y	Jack Flood		

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Lewis and Planning Staff member Marisa Wieczorek presented an update of the County Master Plan. A nine-page draft document outlining the Mercer County Master Plan Update Process was handed-out to the Board. The document was reviewed by Ms. Wieczorek which included an overview of the Regional Action Plan (RAP) process which seeks to plan growth that balances three regional systems – economy, transportation and environment – and – incorporates both factual analysis and political choices. Ms. Wieczorek presented several conceptual maps to the Board, which identified the three regional systems for Mercer County. The process generated a draft concept plan that articulates choices for achieving balanced growth. Ms. Lewis outlined the concepts discussed during the three stakeholder meetings which included:
 - Locations were identified for new development and redevelopment, including types and amount of residential and commercial development
 - Priority transportation corridors were identified for investment, including transit
 - Priority areas for preserving open land were identified, including links among natural areas.

Ms. Lewis noted that conversations with municipalities will continue through municipal planning board and public meetings with groups of contiguous municipalities. She noted that these meetings will go to the next level of detail with specific local data and issues. It is anticipated that the final documents will be ready for adoption in 2008.

V. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fedorko made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Agress seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m. with the following vote:

Y	John A. Cimino	Y	Thomas M. Ryan
Y	William S. Agress	Y	Anthony Verrelli
Y	Edward W. Fedorko, Jr.	Y	Gregory Sandusky
Y	Jack Flood		

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard J. Smith, Planning Board Secretary

Attachments, if any, which are listed in the minutes, are made part of the permanent record in the Minute Book and are available upon request.